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AREA CHILDREN TO BENEFIT FROM SRS TOYS

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 7)—U.S. Marine Corps Reservists collected their largest area toy contribution today at the Savannah River Site. Employees at the Site donated an estimated 11,000 toys and \$9,500 during the Site's 16th Annual Toys for Tots drive.

The annual event is sponsored by the employees of SRS's Construction Department with the support and participation of many of the various SRS organizations, contractors and building trades. These employees contribute in a variety of ways, such as donating unwrapped toys, filling holiday stockings, adopting a "Christmas Angel" or making cash donations.

For the fifth year, Construction was also a sponsor of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, enabling SRS employees to adopt 126 area children. Many SRS employees chose to give more than 4,500 clothing and accessory items to those Angel Tree recipients. About 350 Christmas stockings were also filled by employees for area children. Other fund-raising events were also part of the campaign.

SRS Toys for Tots Chair Sheri Still said, "SRS Construction employees are proud to be able to do so much for the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign and for the Salvation Army's efforts to make Christmas happy for children who would do without. It's easy for us to get enthusiastic about this."

Since the origination of the toy drive in 1991, employees have contributed more than 173,000 toys to the Marine-sponsored program.

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Michael Graham, Director of Projects, Design and Construction Services, says he is proud to be part of the Construction Department's ambitious toy campaign. "Everybody at SRS pulls together to help make sure area children have a chance to get toys for Christmas. It is very gratifying to be part of this kind of team spirit. Construction does an outstanding job of coordinating the effort."

Manager of Construction and Startup Services Ben Young added, "I can't say enough about the generosity and enthusiasm of our Construction folks. It's obvious they really get a kick out of working hard for the community's less fortunate, bringing an extra measure of the happiness of the season to our neighbors' children."

Bechtel Savannah River, Inc. donated \$2,500 to this year's drive and Wackenhut Services, Inc. contributed \$300. Other Site organizations and subcontractors donated \$2,350. Moreover, the Augusta Building Trades, plus eight of its member local craft unions (Asbestos Workers, Carpenters and Millwrights, Electricians, Ironworkers, Laborers, Operating Engineers, Painters, and Pipefitters), contributed a combined \$4,350. Altogether these donations total \$9,500.

The Construction Department is part of the Site's Projects, Design and Construction Services organization, which provides project management, design engineering and construction services to the Site. It is managed by Bechtel Savannah River, Inc.—a team partner with Washington Savannah River Company.

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